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ACTION SY-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 NEA-10 ADP-00 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00

USSS-00 USPS-02 OC-06 CCO-00 SS-15 PER-05 OPR-02 A-01

AID-20 USIA-15 PRS-01 EB-05 IO-03 L-03 SCA-01 FBIE-00

EUR-06 ARA-10 EA-07 AGR-20 /163 W

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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9997

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

USINT ALGIERS

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, PINS

SUBJECT: ENVELOPE BOMB WARNING

DEPT FOR SY/FO. BEIRUT FOR RSS. FOR PSOS FROM RSO.

REF: DOD CABLE 280130Z/AUG 73

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT BY CHIEF NAVAL OPERATIONS,
WASHINGTON, TO HIS COMMANDS:

QUOTE. 1. ON 27 AUG 73, A SUSPECTED LETTER BOMB EXPLODED AND
SERIOUSLY INJURED A SECRETARY AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASH., D. C.

2. ALTHOUGH PARTICULARS CONCERNING EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION IN THIS
INSTANCE ARE UNKNOWN, OTHER LETTER BOMBS DISCOVERED TO DATE HAVE
BEEN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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A. STANDARD SIZE, LIGHT BLUE OR WHITE AIRMAIL ENVELOPES WITH

STRIPED RED AND DARK BLUE BORDERS OR STANDARD SIZE REGULAR MAIL ENVELOPES.

- B. USUALLY ADDRESSED TO HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
- C. STIFFER THAN A NORMAL LETTER AND OF GREATER THICKNESS.
- D. ADDRESSES HAVE BEEN HANDWRITTEN IN BLUE INK OR TYPE-WRITTEN DIRECTLY ON THE ENVELOPE OR ON A 1 3/4 X 3 1/4 INCH WHITE LABEL WITH A RED BORDER.

3. THE CONTENTS MAY BE OF DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS, BUT TO DATE, THE CONTENTS AS FELT FROM THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE, HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS:

- A. OVER-SIZED TEA BAGS.
- B. SOMETHING RIGID, FLAT AND THIN, LIKE SEVERAL PLAYING CARDS.

4. CONTAINED WITHIN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN EXPLOSIVE CONTENTS TIGHTLY WRAPPED IN CARDBOARD OR STIFF PAPER AND DESIGNED TO EXPLOD WHEN PRESSURE IS REMOVED FROM A COILED SPRING FOLDED INSIDE THE INNER WRAPPINGS OF THE ENVELOPE.

5. SHOULD ENVELOPES RESEMBLING THE FOREGOING DESCRIPTION BE ENCOUNTERED; AVOID HANDLING, EVACUATE THE IMMEDIATE AREA AND NOTIFY THE NEAREST EOD TEAM.

6. REQUEST MAXIMUM DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE TO ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. UNQUOTE.

2. RSO RECOMMENDS INFORMATION BE DISSEMINATED TO LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES SO AS TO COORDINATE WITH THEIR EOD TEAMS.

3. SINCE BRITISH BOMB LETTER ENTERED THEIR MILITARY POSTAL SYSTEM, GREATER CARE AND SCREENING SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MAIL ENTERING OUR APO AND FPO FACILITIES. ROCKWELL

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